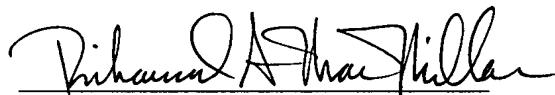


REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated August 2, 2007, the Examiner did not comment on the applicant's traversal of the rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Thus, it is believed that the Examiner has withdrawn this objection in view of the explanation provided in the Amendment After Final filed on July 17, 2007.

Independent Claims 21 and 31 have been amended to clarify that the structural members set forth therein are secured together to form a vehicular frame assembly upon which a body portion and other components of the vehicle can be mounted, as discussed in the specification. These amendments are believed to address the Examiner's argument that the flexible air lines 32 and 34 disclosed in the Mariman et al. reference can reasonably be interpreted as being the "structural members" recited in the claims. Such flexible air lines 32 and 34 are completely incapable of having a body portion and other components of the vehicle mounted thereon, as recited in independent Claims 21 and 31. Thus, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish the invention over the Mariman et al. reference.

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